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Application of Daisuke TAKEDA and Kimio ISHIKAWA

"SOCKS"

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Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

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| | examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). |
| <u>X</u> | an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. |
| X | a Japanese Language International Application with |
| | Japanese Search Report |
| X | an English (translation of the) International Application. |
| | an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments. |
| X | English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to |
| | the IPER) and Japanese language IPER. |
| | an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form. |
| × | (11) Sheets of Formal Drawings |
| X | Preliminary Amendment |

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Respectfully submitted,

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